

Governor's Disability Advisory Council
Minutes
February 15 & 16, 2007
2401 Colonial – BOI Conference Room
Helena, Montana

Members in Attendance: Connie Bremner, Bryher Herak, Julia Hammerquist, Mike Mayer, Susie McIntyre, William Neisess, Patti Scruggs

Absent: Dustin Hankinson, Marie Pierce, Belden Billy, Brian Roat

Staff: Marlene Disburg, Cary Lund, Serenity Osborn

Guest: Anna Whiting-Sorrell, Governor's Office

Welcome and Introductions: Council was welcomed and introductions were made.

Approval of minutes: A motion was made to adopt the December meeting minutes as presented. There was no discussion on the minutes. Motion was called to a vote and was passed unanimously. MCINTYRE/Scruggs

Legislative Updates:

Susie discussed a couple of bills that she has been following: SB288, HJ26, and SB93.

Julie offered some information about developmental disabilities children's services versions four and five.

HHS appropriations committee has been generous for the most part. Concerns were expressed on the DDP waiting list. Republican House chose to break up HB 2 into six separate bill requests.

The Council briefly discussed the memo from Joan in response to concerns on STEP and lack of consumer involvement in development of the program and subsequent Legislative requests. The Council will not proceed with any further requests related to STEP.

Olmstead Recommendations:

The Council proceeded with development of Olmstead planning recommendations to be presented to the Governor's Office and the Department of Public Health & Human Services.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:54PM

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Meeting re-convened at 9:15 AM

The Council continued work on a cover letter and recommendations to be sent to the Governor's Office.

Discussions and recommendations are presented in the Olmstead Summary Document (attached to be incorporated as part of minutes).

Anna-Whiting Sorrell:

Anna stated that she was grateful to have worked with the current Council and felt they did a good job accomplishing as much as they had. She stated that she hoped the recommendations that the Council provided would be helpful in creating the continuing executive order.

No meeting was scheduled as the Council was appointed until March 30, 2007 and will be reappointed at a later date.

Meeting adjourned at 11:12